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Title : Method and Device for Determining a Variable Characteristic of a Mass
That Rests on the Seating Area of a Seat

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Sir:

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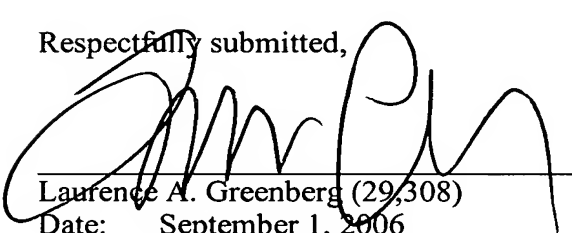
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